PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT Appln. No. 10/628,431

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

The amendment to the specification corrects a typographical error. In particular, the original specification correctly defines T and T_{Δ} as, respectively, "the original and the displaced Jones matrix" but incorrectly defines "the <u>phase-reduced</u> original and displaced Jones matrix," respectively, with the same variables T and T_{Δ} . The specification is herein corrected to employ the variables $\frac{\hat{T}}{2}$ and $\frac{\hat{T}}{2}$ to designate "the <u>phase-reduced</u> original and displaced Jones matrix." The mathematical definition of the phase-reduced original and displaced Jones matrix is conventional and well known from the prior art. Accordingly, no new matter is added by this Amendment.

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